

## WILSON DIRECTS WORK OF RELIEF

Takes Action After Exchange  
of Telegrams With Ohio's  
Governor.

APPEALS TO COUNTRY

War Department to Send  
Tents, Supplies and  
Physicians.

RED CROSS HEADS ACTIVE

Miss Boardman Calls at White  
House to Plan Aid for  
Flood Victims.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—President Wilson devoted practically the entire day to dealing with the flood situation in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Early in the day he made it evident that he regarded the calamity as of national proportion and that he thought it the duty of the Federal Government to furnish all possible aid.

From the first when he had learned from Miss Mabel Boardman, chairman of the relief board of the Red Cross Society, and others of the extent of the flood disasters, the President assumed active charge of the work of carrying the assistance of the Government to the stricken districts and every move made by the War Department here was at his immediate direction.

The President was continually in touch with Secretary of War Garrison either by telephone to the War Department or in actual conference at the White House. The two men discussed the tragic stories told in the press despatches and private telegrams from persons on the scene.

Miss Boardman Makes Appeal.

Scarcely had the President breakfasted before he was told that Miss Boardman desired to confer with him regarding the need for assistance made evident by confirmation of the early morning stories of the Ohio disaster. Secretary Tumulty met the Red Cross leader. He was told that Gov. Cox of Ohio had made an urgent appeal to the Red Cross for assistance. Miss Boardman asked that the President issue a proclamation emphasizing the awfulness of the conditions prevailing in the stricken districts and appealing for aid from the country at large.

The President almost immediately prepared a proclamation setting forth the compassion he felt for the unfortunate persons in the flood districts and calling on the country to assist the Red Cross relief work by contributions.

Message Sent to Governors.

At the same time the President addressed the following telegram to Gov. Cox and Gov. Ransdell of Indiana: "I deeply sympathize with the people of your State in the terrible disaster that has come upon them. Can the Federal Government assist in any way?" Gov. Cox's reply came quickly. He said:

"We have asked the Secretary of War this morning for tents, supplies, rations and physicians. In the face of the humanity we that is granted at the earliest possible moment. The situation in this State is very critical. We believe that 250,000 people were unhurt last night and the indications are that before night the Muskingum Valley will suffer the fate of the Miami and Scioto valleys."

Relief Work Begun at Once.

Upon receipt of Gov. Cox's telegram the Secretary of War was summoned to the White House and plans for immediate participation by the Government in the relief work were made definite. The Secretary hurried out telegraphic orders for the work to begin and the President soon notified the Governor that the request for assistance had been complied with and that the War Department would use every agency to meet the needs of the situation.

The President acted on his own responsibility in taking the emergency measures he adopted to-day and did not wait for the sanction of the Appropriations Committee of Congress. After the Secretary of War had set the relief machinery of the War Department into operation, however, the President sent telegrams to Senator Martin, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and to Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the House committee, telling them what he had done. The President stated that he assumed Congress would add the necessary emergency measures for payment for the supplies to be consumed and expenses incurred by the Government in the relief work.

Senator Martin replied that he approved absolutely of the President's course. Representative Fitzgerald's approval is taken for granted.

WAR DEPARTMENT SENDS AID.

Officers Who Helped in Mississippi  
Floods Leave With Supplies.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—In response to appeals from the flood stricken State of Ohio, and the tornado swept city of Omaha, shelter, food and medical supplies were today loaned by the War Department for relief work.

Tents, coats, food and medical supplies are now on their way to Ohio and tents were started for Omaha this afternoon. By direction of the Secretary of War every request of Gov. Cox of Ohio and Mayor Dahlman of Omaha was at once acceded to by the War Department. All that these two officers asked for in furtherance of the relief work was promptly ordered sent to them.

Tents for 20,000 persons and 20,000 coats were ordered sent from Philadelphia this afternoon by fast express. Three hundred thousand rations were ordered sent from Chicago as the first installment of 1,000,000 rations requested by Gov. Cox. Medical supplies of all kinds are being sent to Ohio from St. Louis and a hospital corps is being improvised from the posts in the middle West to render service in Ohio. This



Quality Never Varies

body will include eight surgeons and about fifty men.

All materials were ordered to Columbus, Ohio, the capital of that State. Majors Normoyle and Logan, the two officers who directed the relief operations in the Mississippi Valley during the floods last spring, left Washington late this afternoon to take charge of the army relief work in Ohio. They will go first to Columbus.

In addition, Gov. Cox has been notified that all the troops in western New York and all available troops in the central department have been ordered placed in readiness for service in the flooded districts of Ohio and Indiana if needed. It is not now anticipated, however, that it will be necessary to call out any more Federal troops.

To Omaha, 400 tents were sent from St. Louis. In addition 1,000 blankets were sent to Omaha and a number of large field cook stoves.

At Red Cross headquarters here efforts were made to get in touch with National Director E. P. Ricknell, who left on Monday for Omaha. He was last heard from in Ohio. It is desired to direct him to Columbus and Dayton to take charge of the relief work there. Headquarters to-day wired T. J. Edmunds, Red Cross agent at Cincinnati, and J. P. Jackson, agent at Cleveland, to do what seems necessary and take charge of the work.

The following messages were exchanged between Gov. Cox of Ohio and the War Department:

"Request 1,000,000 rations under army regulations for destitute flood sufferers; also 500 boxes reserve dressing, 10,000 vaccine points and 5,000 anti-typhoid vaccine ampoules; also loan of tentage and coats for 20,000 persons for thirty days; also 100 hospital tents. Please ship to Columbus."

"J. M. Cox, Governor."

Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff, sent this reply to Secretary Garrison's order:

"Secretary of War directs me to inform you that tentage and coats for 20,000 people, medical supplies and rations to meet emergency have been ordered sent by express to Columbus. The two experienced officers who handled the Mississippi flood situation, Majors Normoyle and Logan, have been ordered to proceed on this afternoon's train to Columbus, reporting to you on arrival. They are both very capable and experienced in this work. All troops in western New York and all available troops in central department have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to relief work in Ohio and Indiana if needed."

M'ADOO EXTENDS SUCCOR.

Sends Surgeons and Life Savers to  
Ohio and Indiana.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Secretary of the Treasury M'Adoo went to the assistance of the people in the flooded districts of Indiana and Ohio to-day by ordering out life savers and physicians of the United States Public Health Service.

The life saving crew at Louisville, Ky., was ordered to Dayton at once. The crew consists of six men. They were directed to take an entire outfit with them.

Passed Assistant Surgeon C. W. Willie was instructed to proceed from Cleveland to Columbus; Surgeon J. C. Cobb, at Chicago, will go to Indianapolis and report to Dr. J. N. Hart, secretary of the Indiana State Board of Health.

These physicians were directed to care for sick and wounded flood victims and to make every effort to prevent the outbreak of disease. If flood conditions grow worse other physicians will be sent to-morrow.

MILWAUKEE SENDS CLOTHING.

Prompt Response Made to Call  
Issued by Newspaper.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 26.—Following President Wilson's appeal for aid for flood sufferers, pledges for an almost unlimited amount of clothing were received to-night in response to a call issued by a Milwaukee newspaper.

The clothing offered by Milwaukee business houses has been accepted and will be shipped to Ohio to-morrow.

500 COFFINS FOR DAYTON.

Cemetery Chapel to Be Used as  
Morgue in Stricken City.

DAYTON, Ohio, March 26 (via Cincinnati).—Five hundred coffins have been ordered from Cincinnati by President Patterson of the National Cash Register Company.

Secretary Harry Miller of the Board of Health has arranged for the use of Woodland Cemetery Chapel as a central morgue.



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## FLOODS THREATEN ON UPPER GENESSEE

Villages in Danger of Being  
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DANVILLE IS CUT OFF

International Paper Company's  
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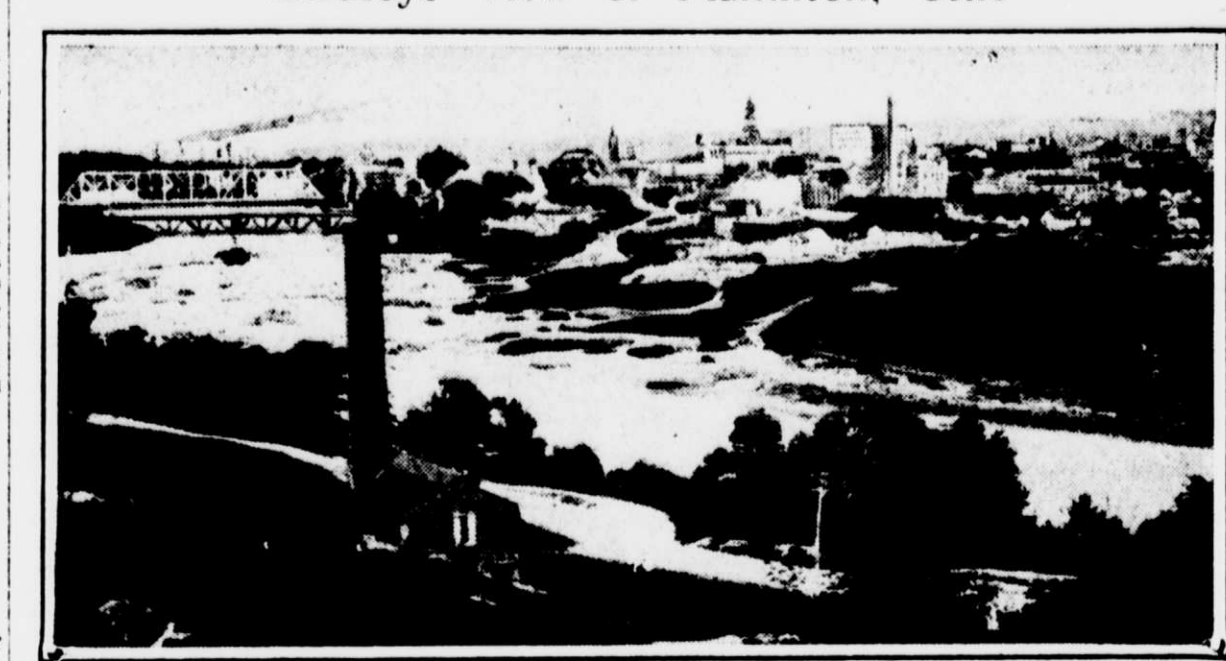
ROCHESTER, March 26.—Villages and farms along the upper Genesee River are in grave danger of being wiped out by floods.

The increasing rain of the last few days has raised the river much beyond the safety level and whole sections of territory are inundated.

The unceasing rain of the last few days industries have been shut down, the factories being flooded several feet with water. Several farm houses are cut off and the inmates forced to flee.

Unless the floods subside loss of life will be added to the already great loss

## Birdseye View of Hamilton, Ohio



of property, which is the greatest in the history of the village.

From Genesee comes the same report of heavy floods. Danville is completely cut off from the surrounding country in highway travel. Several bridges between Mount Morris and Danville are down and people on farms have been forced to abandon their homes and seek safety on higher ground.

The river at Rochester is within a few feet of the danger mark. It is still raining to-night. The river rose nearly two feet to-day and is still rising. The flats at Genesee Valley Park about the city are flooded several feet deep.

ALBANY, March 26.—With the Mohawk River at an unprecedented height, the Hudson fifteen feet above normal at Albany and at a record height in the upper Hudson, the flood situation in the Hudson and Mohawk valleys was serious to-night.

There was danger that the Spier Falls power plant, which supplies electricity for heat and power purposes to the entire capital district, would be shut down by the flood. Seven feet of water flowed over the top of the dam, which is eighty-six feet high, the largest in the State.

About 150 feet of the big dam at Corinth broke to-day, necessitating the shutdown of several paper and pulp mills and throwing 1,000 men out of work.

Traffic on the Adirondack division of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad has been suspended because of landslides, and several bridges have been washed away. State roads have been inundated and many smaller buildings carried off by the waters.

State Engineer Benzel and his deputies were out all day inspecting the large canal work. There is danger that the Mohawk will rise so high that hundreds of feet of canal bank will be washed away and opening of the canal postponed for weeks.

Mr. Benzel reported to-night that a dam had broken on the West Canada Creek and the water had endangered New York Central bridges along the Mohawk. The wrecking crews of the railroad were called out.

The water is so high in the Mohawk that contractors fear their plants will be carried away. They say that if any of the big dikes break loose from their anchorages a dozen or more bridges will go out.

The Hudson is rising at the rate of an inch an hour.

SARATOGA, March 26.—Widespread damage from high water is reported from many points along the upper Hudson River.

The 250 foot dam of the International Paper Company at Palmer Falls weakened to-day and half of the big structure was carried away.

The high banks of the river at this point prevented damage, but the mills will be closed for a long period and the loss to the company is heavy.

Mills at Thomson and Trianda on the Hudson near Schuylersville have been forced to suspend work. Water undermined the Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks near Hadley. Direct communication north of that point has been cut off.

ITHACA, March 26.—The heavy rains of the last few days have materially interfered with traffic on the railroads of central New York, flooded farms and driven many persons from their homes.

The Cayuga Lake division of the Lehigh was blocked by a landslide at King Ferry and the washing away of a bridge near Union Springs. The Auburn division of the road was impeded by high water near Moravia.

## ONLY ONE ROAD OPEN TO CHICAGO

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the passenger trains. A considerable number of persons in the East need Western products for food.

The Pennsylvania Railroad acknowledged that it had been hard hit, but it was all ready to hit back just as soon as the water would let up. Its statement was:

"Train service on the Pennsylvania Railroad in the vicinity of Pittsburgh on the lines west of the Pittsburgh and Erie has been severely interrupted. High water and bad weather conditions throughout the middle West are the cause. Passenger and freight traffic have been practically discontinued temporarily on all divisions of the Pennsylvania Lines West, with the exception of the Pittsburgh divisions of the southwest system. Telegraph and telephone communication is only possible for a distance of about 200 miles west of Pittsburgh. Many bridges have been destroyed and numerous stretches of track have been washed away."

"All passenger trains to points on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad (the Panhandle) west of Pittsburgh have been temporarily discontinued. All trains on the Fort Wayne route, west of Alliance, Ohio, have been temporarily suspended."

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same section suffered similarly. No attempt, it was said, was being made to operate Western trains on schedule and no estimate of the damage would be possible for several days. As the railroads had pooled their trackage the Baltimore and Ohio was still sending through trains to Chicago over the Lake Shore.

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passenger on the limited of the Pennsylvania, said he had left home on a day darkened by clouds so heavy that the passengers feared a tornado. They had run out of this and were not bothered.

Passengers on the Twentieth Century, which came in half an hour later, were on the Lake Shore and only got bulletins of the floods further south of them. No one came out of the flooded districts after Tuesday; at least none who arrived in the city yesterday. They are supposed to be stalled in trains along the various lines wondering what has occurred.

Worst Condition in Thirty Years.

The word at the telegraph offices yesterday was that not in thirty years had the companies been so badly crippled in their service into the devastated districts. Railroads as well as commercial wires were out of commission and only a few messages could be sent out and in. The few wires then working were heavily congested with business.

The United States Steel Corporation reported that its activities indicated it had been hard hit by the flood. Many of its middle Western mills had been flooded, thousands of men had been thrown out of work and great damage had been done. Youngstown, Ohio, mills, employing 10,000 men, were out of commission.

The Sharon, Pa., mills were under water and the Carnegie plant, which employs 5,000 men, had suspended operations. Nearly all the plants in the vicinity of Pittsburgh were idle. Similar reports came from the independent companies.

PITTSBURG RAISES \$25,000.

More Contributions Expected for  
Ohio Victims.

PITTSBURG, March 26.—Pittsburgh forgot her own flood troubles for a few minutes this afternoon and raised \$25,000 for the sufferers in Ohio.

The Carnegie hero fund commission contributed \$10,000 and the balance was subscribed in a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, at which Mayor Magee presided. It is expected that thousands more will be contributed within the next few days.

The Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad offered free transportation of all supplies sent to the stricken districts in Ohio.

Gen. A. J. Logan, commander of the State militia, was put in charge of all relief stations. Vacant storerooms throughout the city are being turned into posts where food and clothing will be collected.

\$50,000 FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

Senate Has Bill to Send That Much  
to Ohio.

HARRISBURG, March 26.—The Pennsylvania Senate to-day unanimously adopted a resolution providing for the forwarding of \$50,000 to the flood sufferers in Ohio. The resolution reads:

"Resolved, If the House of Representatives concur, that the Governor be and he is hereby instructed to forward \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be needed, to our needy neighbor, in such manner as he may consider will do the most good."

The resolution was reconsidered and referred to the judiciary general committee because it was not in proper form and a bill was drafted to carry the appropriation.

APPEAL BY RED CROSS.

Asks That Contributions Be Sent to  
Jacob H. Schiff.

The Red Cross Society appeals for funds to relieve the stricken regions of Indiana and Ohio. Contributions should be sent to Jacob H. Schiff, 52 William street, by whom they will be forwarded. Red Cross agents are already working in the area of devastation.

Reports of the Baltimore and Ohio came yesterday by way of Baltimore, the headquarters of the system. They were to the effect that the damage in the middle West in the operation of trains was more serious than had at first been thought.

The New Castle division, extending from New Castle Junction to Chicago Junction, Ohio, suffered great damage from washouts. The Pennsylvania, Big Four and other lines operating in the

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The Shenango and Mahoning rivers at Newcastle are higher than ever before. All manufacturing plants are shut down. One thousand homes are under water.

Warren county is experiencing the worst floods in its history. Thousands of cattle are drowned. All the bridges between Warren and Jamestown, N. Y., have been washed away.

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SHARON, Pa., March 26.—The property loss from the flood here and in Farrell probably will reach \$3,500,000. Several persons have been drowned, but as most of Sharon is under five feet of water to-night little can be learned as to the loss of life.

The various steel plants here and in Farrell have been shut down since yesterday, all of them being located along the river or in other low lying sections.

The three story brick building of the Sharon Herald was wrecked to-day and at 5 o'clock this afternoon the entire building was swept away. The machinery of the printing plant has been destroyed or carried down the river with the building. Several other buildings across the river from the Herald were wrecked or carried off by the flood.

The one story brick building of the Merchants and Mechanics Bank was turned around on its foundations and lodged against a bridge.

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Little can be learned as to the exact extent of the loss in life and property.

Train Crash in Heavy Rain.

LANSDALE, Pa., March 26.—The Lehigh Valley Transit Company's southbound train crashed into a Chestnut Hill local while rounding the curve near the Stony Creek crossing at Wales Junction in a heavy rain this afternoon and crushed demolished the front platform of a 12-car passenger car. The passengers and crew escaped with a few bruises and scratches caused by flying glass.

Flooded at Scranton.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 26.—Pine Brook flats, near the business section of the city, were visited by a torrential rain this morning. A mine caved in on the hillside and a fourteen inch water main broke, sending a flood down the streets into the flats. Before the water was turned off great excitement took place.

Springfield Sends Boats.

COLUMBIA, Ohio, March 26.—A special train with three carloads of boats from Springfield arrived in Dayton at 5 P. M. to-day, according to a message received here.

MAY STILL USE NAME.

Court Denies Injunction Against  
Telephone Company.

The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company may continue to sell its bonds, under a ruling made yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum.

The court denied an application for an injunction by the New York Telephone Company restraining the promoters from using the new name, on the ground that it was the name of the original telephone company of New York, which was succeeded by the New York Telephone Company and still has \$1,577,000 of bonds outstanding.

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